



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application

Petrus Cornelis Jozef BEENTJES

Examiner: T. Kilkenny

Serial No.: 09/341,637

Art Unit: 1733

Filed: July 15, 1999

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STRIP-COATING A METALLIC STRIP-SHAPED SUBSTRATE WITH A PLASTIC BAND AND STRIP THUS OBTAINED

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 6, line 6, after "side PET.", insert the following new paragraph:

D<sup>1</sup>  
- - As seen in Figs. 1-3 the substrate travels along a single straight line from the heating means 2, between the contact rolls 6, and to the furnace 15 (Fig. 2). For example, Fig. 2 shows the heating means and contact roll are arranged such that the metallic strip shaped substrate is straight immediately before, during and immediately after coating. - -

A marked up page showing this change is attached (ATTACHMENT I).

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. A marked-up copy showing the changes is attached (ATTACHMENT II).

D<sup>2</sup>  
1. (Three Times Amended) A method for strip-coating a metallic strip-shaped substrate with a strip of plastic comprising the successive stages of:

- (i) plastic strip production comprising in-situ casting of a plastic strip;
- (ii) leading the plastic strip around a cooling roll;

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This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation, or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/341,637 filed on September 3, 1999 and entitled:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STRIP-COATING A METALLIC STRIP-SHAPED SUBSTRATE WITH A PLASTIC BAND AND STRIP THUS OBTAINED**

1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.

✓ 2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

3. ☐ This application is being filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).

a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

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b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent is enclosed.

5. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed.

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b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

6. ☐ The fee for this application is calculated as follows:

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

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Indep. Claims	1	- 3 =	0	x \$80.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
BASIC FEE					\$710.00
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$710.00

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7. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No.

- ☒ fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☒ fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
- ☒ fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.18.

8. ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,990.00 is enclosed.

9. ☒ Also enclosed:

**PETITION TO REVIVE ABANDONED APPLICATION**

10. ☐ The prior application's correspondence address will carry over to this CPA UNLESS a new correspondence address is provided below:

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**NOTES**

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**FILING QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for reissues and designs, to the effect that the patent issued on a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 USC 154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995.

**C-I-P NOT PERMITTED:** A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b).

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

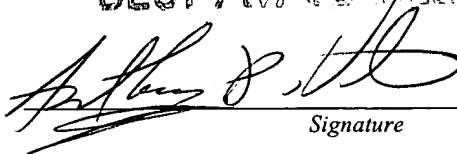
**ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the Applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or application in the file jacket.

**35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT:** In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a).

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